

Barnabas Oley



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Welcome back to the New School Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Summer Holidays and a special welcome to all our new children in Reception as well as new children who have joined in other year groups.

During the Summer holidays there have been many improvements made to the school building. Every single book in the Library has now been catalogued which means that children may borrow non-fiction books as well as fiction now. Silver Birch, Maple class and my office have been re-painted and new carpets fitted too. Each classroom has also been installed with an interactive screen to replace the old whiteboards and projectors. These are state of the art tools which we hope will greatly enhance the children's learning

I am very excited about the plans that Staff and Governors have for Barnabas Oley for this next academic year. Topic work across the school is Space— to infinity and beyond with the first half term focusing on the science and geography of Space with the second half focusing on the literary and imaginative connections with space. Book Week will take place during October where we will be studying Children's classic stories and before we know it, Christmas productions will be upon us!

I look forward to a happy and productive year with the whole school community and am confident that we will work together well to provide the best educational opportunities possible for the children at Barnabas Oley Primary School.

Kind regards

Mrs Rebecca Smith



Home Front festival



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Dates for your diaries

Monday 9th September	Meet the Teacher– informal opportunity for you to pop in to introduce yourselves.
Tuesday 10th September	Parent Helper session– meet with Headteacher 9am in School hall
Thursday 19th September	First School Council meeting
Wednesday 25th September	Astronomy Roadshow for all classes
Thursday 26th September	Harvest Festival 9.30am at St.Bartholomew's Church
Saturday 28th September	Gransden Show– school are entering the collage competition. Home Front Festival @ Stibbington
Saturday 12th October	Football Tournament– school team
Saturday 19th October	Make a difference morning
Week of 21st-25th October	Book Week (Monday– dress up as a favourite book character)

ADVANCE NOTICES

Week 28th October-1st November Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 5th November	Parent's Consultation Meetings (1)
Wednesday 6th November	Parent's Consultation Meetings (2)
Monday 16th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Performances afternoon and evening
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner Carol Service at St.Bartholomew's Church 6.30pm



♪All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven
above ♪

Harvest Festival

This year we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival service on Thursday 26th September at 9.30am. We will be walking down to St.Bartholomew's Church where the Reverend Catherine Furlong will be joining us. Gifts may be brought to school to support the work of the Salvation Army in Cambridge such as you would find in a kitchen larder eg tins of beans, non-perishable

items such as pasta and sauces. These items will be made up into food parcels and distributed locally. Please could all gifts for Harvest be brought to school on the morning of Harvest.

All are welcome to attend.



Astronomy roadshow

We are very pleased to have arranged a visit to school from the Astronomy roadshow.

An inflatable dome will be erected in the hall and children will be able to sit inside and 'see' stars and planets.

All classes will be having a chance to visit . We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 per child towards the cost of this experience. This can be paid via Wisepay or sent into school in a named envelope.



Star of the Week awards

During Celebration assembly on Fridays, children are set a challenge which will help to foster positive attitudes throughout our school. The following children have received Star of the Week Awards.

Star of the week awards **before** the Summer Holidays were awarded to Cosmo Johnson, Charlie Lake, Rhys Hicks, Adam Hudson, George Hennessy, Ella Dutton, Sophie Tooley, Esme Johnson, Ellie Nugent, Beatrice Duffett, Richard Jones, Millie Mear, Max Lovesey, Thea Kruck, Lizzie Carter

For “ **Settling back to school by trying their best** ”

Holly	Rylee Medlock
Maple	Luke Roberts
Willow	Matthew Walker
Silver Birch	Luca Moretto
Cedar	Felix Walton

Clubs



After school and lunchtime clubs will commence over the next couple of weeks, so please check parentmails for information and application forms to join clubs.

Today, **Choir** held a taster session for all children in Year 2 and above. If your child would like to join choir please complete the letter that they will have brought home today.

Football club will be held on Mondays after school (3.15-4.30pm). This is open to boys and girls in Years 4-6. Letter to follow shortly.

Further information about **Netball** club, **Film** Club, **Computer programming** and **Multi- sports** for KS2 and a new multi-sports for KS1 will be sent out shortly.

Swimming in the Autumn Term



For the first time we have kept our pool open to enable swimming lessons to take place during September when we often have warm weather. Swimming lessons will begin on Monday 9th September. The timetable for swimming can be found on the website.

Children will need to bring swimming costume, towel, goggles etc and wear a hat if they have long hair.

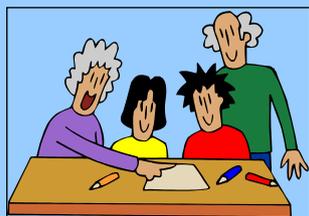
If you took part in Resuscitation training earlier this year and are able to support

Welcome to Class Meetings

Welcome to Class meetings - Monday 9th September 3.30pm and 4.00pm. Parents are asked to attend at 3.30, going on to the 4.00pm slot if they have siblings in other classes. Perhaps you could buddy up with a friend to look after the children if you can. This will mean that there will be less congestion in the classrooms and a greater chance for you to speak directly to teachers.

Parent Helpers

Parent Helper session – Tuesday 10th September. 9.00 am in the School Hall. Our parent helpers make a huge contribution to the children's learning. For all parents who wish to help in school this year, experienced and new alike, please come along to this session at 9.00am in the School Hall. You will be given key information about this year's plans for learning and how you can best support this in your role as parent helpers.

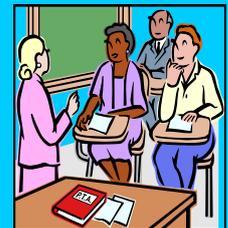


Parent Forum

Parent Forum – The first meeting will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13th November.

This group is open to every parent and has been a very positive way to discuss important school issues and policy and contribute to the development of the school.

At this meeting we will be discussing Internet safety for your children and we hope to run a session on Drug safety too. Please let the school office know if you would like to come so that we can put out the correct number of chairs!



School Council Elections

School Council elections will take place in the week commencing 9th September.

Each child is given the chance to stand in front of their class to say why they would make a good job of being a class representative this year. A secret ballot then takes place to select this year's council members. School council meet every three weeks with Miss Jarvis to discuss school issues and plans.





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Home Front Festival at Stibbington

Name of child:.....

Class:.....

- I/We are happy for our child to take part in the Home Front Festival on Saturday 28th September 11.00am
- I/we understand my child will need to wear WW2 costume
- I am able to help with transport to Stibbington . I can offer ____ spaces.

Signed: _____